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unfriendly, position of the interested outsider, for whom primarily the volume is intended. There are five chapters, entitled respectively, "The Eighteenth Century," "John Wesley," "Methodism in America and Beyond the Seas," "The Divisions and Re-unions of British Methodism," "The Theology and Polity of Methodism." The little volume is one of the best short studies of church history that we have ever seen. It shows the vital relation of the subject to the economic and social environment in which Methodism arose and became a living power; and it will be as useful to students outside of Methodism as to those who are attached to this branch of Christendom. A good bibliography is appended.

Just Before the Dawn. The Life and Work of Ninomiya Sontoku. By R. C. Armstrong. New York: Macmillan, 1912. Pp. xxi+273. \$1.50.

Another first-rate contribution to modern mission study. The book describes conditions in Japan just before the "age of enlightenment" which has been spreading all over the East. The introduction is an outline of early reforms and ethical thought in Japan. Part I is on the life of the sage whose name appears in the subtitle of the book. Parts II and III are on the teachings of the sage. The book is carefully done; and it will be of great interest, not only to students of missions, but to the general reader and to the scientific investigator who is tracing out the moral and religious evolution of man.

Immigrant Forces. By William P. Shriver. New York: Missionary Education Movement, 1913. Pp. x+277. \$0.50.

The Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada is publishing, at a price absurdly low, a number of significant and valuable works on current questions, with special reference to the religious bearing of these questions. One of the best numbers thus far issued is the volume before us. The author has produced a work which has not only scientific value, but real, human sympathy. Some hint of its human aspects is found in the subtitle, "Factors in the New Democracy." The book views immigration not simply as a "problem," but as a "democratic" problem. While it presents no easy solution and has no special program to urge, it has an atmosphere of suggestion which is calculated to inspire the student. The conclusion to which it gravitates is that the problem of the immigrant, before and after immigrating, is very largely a matter of economic, class relations, bound up with the ever more-pressing question of wealth and poverty (pp. 70, 97, 168, 185, 199). The book deserves careful attention.

The Modern Call of Missions. By James S. Dennis, D.D. New York: Revell, 1913. Pp. 340. \$1.50.

A number of articles contributed to various reviews and periodicals during the last few years are here brought together into a book which the author, in his subtitle, calls a study in some of the larger aspects of a great enterprise. Dr. Dennis has already published five volumes on the subject of missions; and this new treatise sketches the missionary movement at the points where it comes in contact with various other lines of human activity. Some of the chapter headings are: "Missions and Diplomacy," "The Missionary Factor in Colonial History," "Commerce and Missions," "The Laymen's Movement," "The Hymnody of Modern Missions." The book not only informs, but kindles enthusiasm; and it is worthy of a place in all libraries covering the subject.

Christian Faith for Men of Today. By Ezra Albert Cook, Ph.D. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1913. Pp. xiii+260. \$1.25.

The author is a professor in the Congregational College of Canada, at Montreal. The book is intended, not for professional readers, but for use in college classes, Y.M.C.A., Sunday school, and kindred organizations. It aims to present the essential truths of Christianity in orderly form, in non-technical language, in view of, and in harmony with, those elements of the scientific and religious thought of today which are generally accepted by trained scholars. The author has written with three classes of people in mind: first, young people who are in process of forming their conceptions of Christianity; second, older members of the church, who have lately found occasion to consider whether some changes in their thought about religion are not called for; lastly, persons of intelligence outside the church, who are under the impression that the church is not keeping up with the progress of thought in other spheres. Chapter titles are: "Is Christianity the Best Religion?" "The Value of the Bible as a Written Revelation," "How to Use the Bible," "What Shall We Believe about God?" "Man, Sin, and Salvation," "What Shall We Believe about Jesus?" "What Shall We Believe about the Last Things and the Future Life?" "How Shall We Cultivate and Express the Best Faith?"

Wheel-Chair Philosophy. By John Leonard Cole. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1913. Pp. xii+154. \$0.75.

If you have an acquaintance or a friend who, either through accident or disease, belongs to the great army of "shut-in" folks, you can hardly